consultation with the State Governments concerned have been taken for maximising the procurement in the rabi marketing season keping in view the food security aspect and the requirements of the PDS. The State Governments have expressed support and cooperation in this regard.

Unauthorised Vanaspati Units

1159. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a High-Level Technical Committee appointed by Government in its Report has conclusively held that Vanaspati Units with minimum economic size of 25 tonnes per day entail an investment of not less than Rs. 2.5 crores on plant and machinery ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some unscrupulous parties by showing clandestinely an investment of less than Rs. 65 lakhs have set up Vanaspati Units in Small Scale Sector and have also manipulated to secure BIS Certification Mark for sale of their products ; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to stop functioning of such unauthorised Units resulting in unhealthy and unequal competition among Vanaspati Manufacturers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) A High-Level Technical Committee appointed by the Government in its Report in 1987-88 concluded that a vanaspati unit with minimum economic size of 25 tonnes per day entails an investment of not less than 1.6 crores for batch type plant and machinery. However for continuous type of units it will be much higher.

(b) and (c) Bureau of Indian Standards has been advised to cancel ISI Certification Mark wherever granted in respect of units which have not got regularised by the revised industrial policy of July, 1991.

Edible Oils

1160. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the country would meet the requirement of edible oil with its indigenous production ;

(b) if not what are the reasons thereof ; and

(c) in what manner Government plan to meet the requirement during the Eighth Five Year Plan, with details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) No, Sir, The shortfall between demand for and availability of edible oils from indigenous sources is estimated to be around 7 lakh MTs. this year.

(c) Government has taken a number of measures to augment the indigenous production of oilseeds. Some of the measures are increased emphasis on the implementation of the oilseeds production programmes of the Government of India, support to oilseeds projects of NDDB, assistance for oil palm development, increasing areas under non traditional oilseed crops like soyabean, sunflower etc. exploitation of oilseeds of tree and forest origin, rice bran, intensification of research efforts for increasing production of oilseeds as also for fuller exploitation of oils from oil-bearing materials etc.

As a short term measure, Government intends to import a limited quantity of edible oils to partly meet the shortfall between demand for and availability of edible oils.

Import of Edible Oil

1161. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to import large quantity of edible oils to meet the demands of the public in the country ; and

(b) what steps Government are taking to improve the production of edible oil in this country to save foreign exchange ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) The need to import edible oil and the quantity thereof is an on-going exercise based on the factors like indigenous availability of edible oils, its prices, foreign exchange availability etc., with due regard to encouraging indigenous producers of oilseeds to get remunerative prices.

(b) In order to increase the production of edible oils in the country, the Government have adopted a multi-pronged strategy which includes the following :

(i) Assistance to the States under the Centrally sponsored scheme of Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) for production and distribution of quality seeds, plant Protection measures and organising demonstrations of advanced technology.

(ii) Intensification of research efforts for increasing the production of oilseeds.

(iii) Exploitation of potential of obtaining oils from secondary sources i.e. oilseeds of tree and forest origin, rice bran etc.

(iv) Identification, of equipment for modernisation of processing units and setting up of processing and infrastructural facilities to keep pace with production programmes of oilseeds.

(v) Efforts towards cultivation of red palm.

(vi) Establishment of the Technology Mission on Oilseeds in 1986 for harnessing the best of production, processing and management technologies.

मध्य प्रदेश में उचित दर की दुकानें

1162 **श्री राधा किशन मालवीय :** क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के अधीन वितरण हेतु उचित दर की दुकानों को किन-किन खाद्य वस्तुओं तथा अन्य उपयोगी आवश्यक वस्तुओं का आबंटन किया जाता है; और

(ख) उचित दर की दुकानों से प्रत्येक जिले में विशेषत: मध्य प्रदेश के आदिवासी बाहुल्य जिलों में आवश्यक वस्तुओं की समय पर पूर्ति सुनिश्चित करने के लिए सरकार क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार रखती है ?

नागरिक पूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमालुद्दीन अहमद) : (क) केन्द्रीय सरकार, मध्य प्रदेश सहित, विभिन्न राज्यों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों को सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के अंतर्गत वितरण के लिए गेहूं, चावल, लेवी चीनी, मिट्टी के तेल, आयातित खाद्य तेल और साफ्ट कोक का आबंटन करती है ।

(ख) राज्य सरकारें, जिनमें मध्य प्रदेश भी शामिल है, अपने-अपने राज्यों के भीतर सभी क्षेत्रों में सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली की वस्तुओं की समय पर आपूर्ति सुनिश्चित करने के लिए भरसक प्रयास करती हैं । केन्द्रीय सरकार की जिम्मेदारी यह सुनिश्चित करने की है कि राज्य सरकारों को आबंटित सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली की वस्तुओं की समय से आपूर्ति हो । आगे जिलों आदि में वितरण राज्य सरकारों द्वारा किया जाता है ।

Performance of revamped PDS

1163. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of new Ration Cards issued under the revamped PDS in the